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It is expected that the following will be pushed aside in a purge of moderate "nationalist" Communists in the next months: Clementis, Gottwald, Nosek, and Kopecky. Fierlinger will probably replace Clementis. Rudolf Slansky (Secretary General of the Czech Communist Party), Vesely (Ministry for Interior Counsellor), Andre Simon (journalist), Geminder, and Bares are emerging as strong Communist figures.

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Comment: Andre Simon is the nom-de-plume of Otto Katz, editor of Rude Pravo.)

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